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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/187 of 18 December 1997, by which it decided to convene the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at a high level in 2001, as well as its resolutions 53/182 of 15 December 1998, 54/235 of 23 December 1999 and 55/214 of 20 December 2000,

Recalling also its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, by which it endorsed the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2]

Welcoming the establishment of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States pursuant to its resolution 56/227 of 24 December 2001,

Welcoming further the outcome of the Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 5 to 7 August 2002,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary General,[3]

1. *Reaffirms* that global-level follow-up to the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[2] should be primarily concerned with assessing the economic and social performance of the least developed countries, monitoring the implementation of commitments by the least developed countries and their development partners at the country, subregional,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/12.

[2] A/CONF.191/11.

[3] A/57/496.

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regional and sectoral levels, and policy developments at the global level with implications for the least developed countries;

2. *Stresses* the need for efficient and strengthened coordination, monitoring and follow-up of the implementation of the Programme of Action and in this regard calls for an adequate allocation of resources for the functioning of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to enable it to successfully carry out its mandate;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund for the least developed countries, devoted especially to the coordination of initiatives and actions needed for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the country, subregional, regional, global and sectoral levels;

4. *Calls upon* Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund;

5. *Reiterates* its call on the governing bodies of the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other multilateral organizations to mainstream the implementation of the Programme of Action in their programmes of work and intergovernmental processes;

6. *Urges* all Member States, the United Nations system, the international financial institutions and other multilateral organizations to extend to the Office of the High Representative their full support for the fulfilment of its mandate;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council a comprehensive annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, invites all development partners, organizations of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other multilateral organizations to contribute to the report, and further requests the Secretary-General to consult with Member States on the appropriate form, such as, for example, a matrix of achievement for the report.